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IN VIEW OF CURRENT FRG POLICY OF PARTICIPATING IN
SELECTED EAST BLOC 30TH ANNIVERSARY EVENTS, INCLUDING SOME
IN EAST BERLIN, WE ARE PREPARED TO BE SOMEWHAT MORE

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FLEXIBLE IN APPLYING POLICY OF NO US PARTICIPATION IN EVENTS

ON GERMAN SOIL. EMBASSY ACCORDINGLY MAY PARTICIPATE IN
VARIOUS GDR AND SOVIET SPONSORED EVENTS IN EAST BERLIN
SUBJECT TO FOLLOWING GENERAL GUIDELINES:

-- WE HAVE NO PROBLEM IN PRINCIPLE WITH ATTENDANCE
AT GDR AFFAIRS IN EAST BERLIN WHERE GDR IS HOST GOVERN-
MENT. WE AGREE THAT IN EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES THERE IS
VALUE IN UNDERLINING BY OUR PRESENCE THE VITAL ROLE WHICH
US PLAYED IN ALLIED VICTORY IN WORLD WAR II. AT SAME
TIME, WE ARE NOT INCLINED TO DIGNIFY GDR PRETENSIONS OF
BEING ITSELF SOMEHOW INNOCENT VICTIM OF NAZISM AND ONLY
PURIFIED GERMAN STATE BY ATTENDING GDR 30TH ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATIONS IN THIRD STATES, UNLESS FRG TAKES LEAD IN
ACCEPTING INVITATION.

-- EMBASSY MAY USE ITS BEST JUDGEMENT IN DECIDING
WHICH OF ALREADY PROPOSED OR FUTURE GDR AND SOVIET
AFFAIRS IT IS TO ATTEND AND APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF
ATTENDANCE. IN CONNECTION WITH SPECIFIC EVENTS WHICH GDR
HAS PROPOSED, WE FIND EMBASSY'S RECOMMENDATIONS PARA 7
REFTEL B. TO BE REASONABLE AND ACCEPTABLE.

-- US PARTICIPATION AT EVENTS IN EAST BERLIN SHOULD
BE COORDINATED IN ALL INSTANCES WITH FRG, FRENCH AND
BRITISH COLLEAGUES, WITH PARTICULAR ATTENTION BEING
GIVEN TO FRG PRACTICES AND SENSITIVITIES.

-- EMBASSY SHOULD NOT, OF COURSE, ATTEND ANY EVENTS
IN WHICH THERE IS TO BE SIGNIFICANT GDR MILITARY
PRESENTATION IN VIOLATION OF DEMILITARIZED STATUS OF THE
CITY. KISSINGER

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